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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

MASAYUKI SUZUKI

Appln. No.: 10/699,933

Filed: November 4, 2003

For: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM,
EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Examiner: Della J. Rutledge

Group Art Unit: 2851

Allowed: June 17, 2004

Confirmation No. 3891

September 17, 2004

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

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As discussed on September 15, 2004, with Petitions Attorney Frances Hicks, the issue fee having been paid on August 5, 2004, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-referenced application from issue for consideration of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) attached hereto that requests entry, as a submissions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of (a) the attached Third Information Disclosure Statement, which has not been considered by the Examiner and cites documents not of record, and (b) the attached Preliminary Amendment.

EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED

Applicant understands that an issue date of September 28, 2004, has been set; accordingly, expedited handling of this Petition is respectfully requested.

FORMAL MATTERS: AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE PETITION FEE

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130.00 Petition fee and any other fees necessitated by these papers to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is attached for this purpose.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office of Petitions contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (202) 530-1010.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the present application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of the RCE and its submissions, the Third Information Disclosure Statement and the Preliminary Amendment. Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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